

## **News Release**

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## County announces changes in Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Department of Parks and Recreation

LĪHU'E – The County of Kaua'i announces the following County-related changes in Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Department of Parks and Recreation (DOPR) in order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Kaua'i from the potential spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

In order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public, the DOPR offices will be closed to the public through April 30, 2020, or until further notice. County stadiums, community centers (e.g. neighborhood centers, Anahola Clubhouse, Smokey Valley Clubhouse, Hanapēpē Multipurpose Facility, and the Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall), and swimming pools are closed to the public through May 14, 2020, or until further notice. Permits for these facilities will not be issued until further notice. Please refer to Emergency Rule #1 for additional information.

County parks, beach parks, and the Wailua Golf Course remain open to the public. In accordance with Governor Ige's Stay-at-Home order and Mayor's Emergency Rule #5, County parks and beach parks may be used by individuals actively engaging in outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, running, biking, surfing, or swimming, but only if appropriate social distancing practices are used. Lounging and or sunbathing on

the beach or in a park does not constitute exercise. Day-Use permits are required for non-Hawaii residents to access any County beach park. These permits may be obtained at the following website: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/county-of-kauai-day-use-beach-park-permit-fee-covid19-tickets-100651073069">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/county-of-kauai-day-use-beach-park-permit-fee-covid19-tickets-100651073069</a>. Please refer to Emergency Rule #4 for additional information. Furthermore, the Wailua Golf Course has incorporated its own SOPs that can be found at <a href="https://www.kauai.gov/COVID-19">www.kauai.gov/COVID-19</a>.

Our front office staff is available for telephone inquiries at 808-241-4460. A staff member will return calls within 24 hours of a message received or the next business day for messages received after the close of business on Fridays.

To view a copy of the emergency proclamation and emergency rules, visit the County of Kaua'i's website at <a href="https://www.kauai.gov/KEMA">www.kauai.gov/KEMA</a>.

For more information and to sign up for daily updates from the State Department of Health relating to current COVID-19 information, visit <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/news/covid-19-updates/">https://health.hawaii.gov/news/covid-19-updates/</a> or <a href="http://www.kauai.gov/COVID-19">http://www.kauai.gov/COVID-19</a>.

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